REMARKS

Claims 1-53 are pending in the above-referenced application. Claims 8-53 have been renumbered in view of an absence of claims 6 and 7 and are now designated claims 6-51. Claims 45-50 (formerly claims 47-52) have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-6 and 36-37 (formerly claims 38-39) have been amended to remove "pharmaceutical". The remaining pending claims have been amended to correct dependencies in view of the renumbering.

Applicants assert that the claims are in condition for examination. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (914) 712-0093 if there any questions regarding this application or amendment.

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